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Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, May 7, 2015. A bill that would give Congress a voice in any nuclear agreement between world powers and Iran passed the Senate overwhelmingly Thursday.

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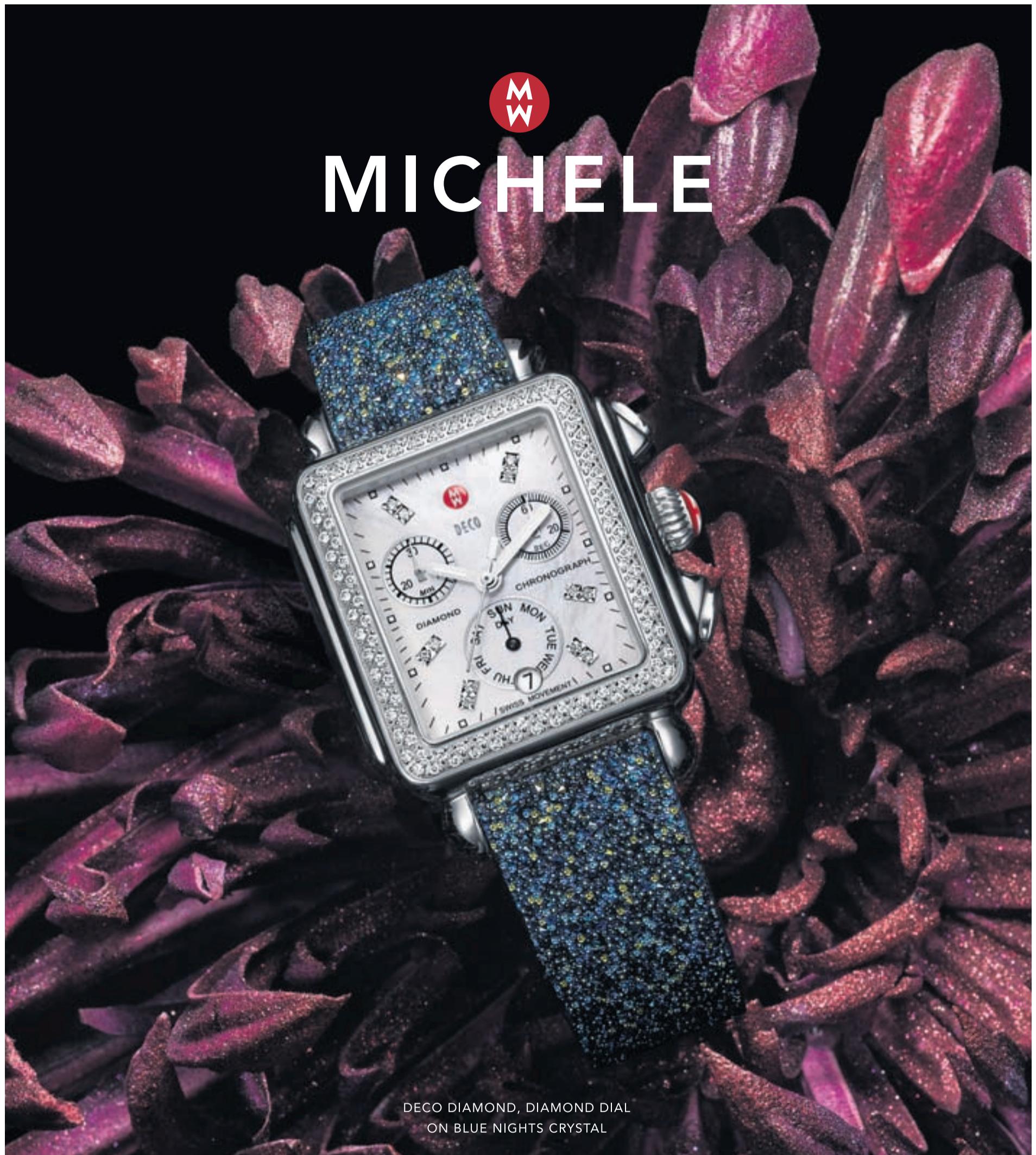
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Wake for NYC Officer Brian Moore draws hundreds



People line up for the wake of Brian Moore, a New York City police officer who was shot and died from his injuries, at a funeral home in Bethpage, N.Y., May 7, 2015. Hundreds — city police officers, state troopers, Nassau County officers and ordinary residents — stood in line to view officer Moore's body, a young man who followed his father into police service, and is the third New York officer shot and killed in the past six months. (Chang W. Lee/The New York Times)

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BETHPAGE, N.Y. - The word "wake" comes in part from the Old English "wacian," which means to stay awake or keep watch. At the wake Thursday for Officer Brian Moore, a crowd of hundreds kept watch over the body of a young man who had kept watch over New York City.

On an incongruously beautiful spring afternoon, long lines of mourners - city police officers, state troopers, members of the Nassau County Sheriff's Department and ordinary residents - made their way into the neo-Classical entrance of the Fredrick J. Chapay & Sons Funeral Home here on Long Island to pay their respects to Moore. He died Monday, two days after a gunman carrying a stolen pistol shot him as he sat in his patrol car.

Although the wake did not officially begin until 2 p.m., shortly after noon the streets around the funeral home were flooded with a blue tide of police officers in dress uniforms, many with their ceremonial white gloves crisply tucked beneath their epaulets.

Almost every unit in the Police Department, from evidence collection to counterterrorism, was represented, and fellow officers from

as far away as Phoenix showed up in support.

"I'm here to pay homage to a fallen hero," said Richard Ditman, a 66-year-old former police officer from New York. "That could be my son."

Moore, 25, was on plain-clothes patrol on Saturday with his partner, Officer

Erik Jansen, when the two saw a man walking on a sidewalk, adjusting something in his waistband. They pulled up alongside the man and asked him what he was carrying, and the man drew a handgun, firing at close range and striking Moore in the face. Young enough to still be liv-

ing at home with his family, including his father, Raymond, who also served in the department, Moore had been on the force for five years. Department officials said he was off to a promising career, making more than 150 arrests and earning several service medals. □

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Senate Easily Passes Iran Nuclear Bill

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WASHINGTON - A bill that would give Congress a voice in any nuclear agreement between world powers and Iran passed the Senate overwhelmingly Thursday afternoon.

The measure, approved 98-1, withstood months of tense negotiations, White House resistance, the indictment of one of its sponsors and a massive partisan kerfuffle over a speech to Congress by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel just as an accord was coming together. The lone vote against the bill was cast by Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark.

The House is expected to take up the Senate measure as early as next week. "I look forward to House passage of this bill to hold President Obama's administration accountable," House Speaker John A.

Boehner said in a statement.

Republican infighting prevented a debate of significant amendments to the

But in the end, a bipartisan accord that seemed nearly impossible in the upper chamber just a few months ago came together by a



Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn (R-Texas) speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, May 7, 2015. A bill that would give Congress a voice in any nuclear agreement between world powers and Iran passed the Senate overwhelmingly Thursday.

(Zach Gibson/The New York Times)

bill, leaving some members deeply unhappy that they were unable to weigh in further on a matter that many said was the most significant of their careers.

convincing margin. "Let me be clear," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the majority leader, said on the Senate floor Thursday as he encouraged

senators to approve the bill while noting the procedural fights that hobbled the process. "Our response to this should not be to give the American people no say at all," adding, "Make no mistake that will this not be the end of the story."

Republicans and Democrats had gingerly worked out a deal to allow votes on a few amendments to the bill.

But that arrangement fell apart when Sen. David Vitter, R-La., used procedural moves to stall the bill Wednesday.

Vitter, long an antagonist to Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., when he was majority leader, became one for McConnell this week. The majority leader wanted to show both parties that he could pass legislation with ample room to debate amendments, but Vitter refused to go along with his colleagues, ending the

process Thursday.

"I am deeply disappointed by the direction this debate has taken," said Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., a candidate for president who had wanted to debate an amendment that would force Iran to recognize Israel.

McConnell desperately wanted to get through the Iran matter on the Senate floor to move on to a difficult and contentious trade agreement before critics rip it to shreds.

The interim agreement reached between Iran and six world powers would dismantle much of Iran's nuclear program, dispose of most of the nuclear material that could be used to make an atomic weapon, strictly limit Iran's enrichment of uranium and set up an international inspection regime in exchange for a lifting of economic sanctions. □



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Maryland's senators support federal probe in Baltimore

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Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski said Thursday that she and other members of the state of Maryland's congressional delegation support Baltimore's mayor in asking for a broad federal investigation of whether city police engage in discriminatory patterns or practices — a request sparked by the death of Freddie Gray, a black man who suffered a fatal spinal injury in police custody last month.

The Democratic senator told U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch during a Senate subcommittee hearing that Lynch would get a letter later Thursday from the Maryland delegation supporting Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake's request, made Wednesday.

"In many cities throughout the country, including my own city of Baltimore, the trust between community

and police is broken. We must do all we can to restore that trust," Mikulski said in a written statement. Rawlings-Blake has won support from other public officials and praise from legal experts for requesting the investigation after previously saying she was determined to fix the Baltimore Police Department's problems herself.

Lynch said in at a Senate hearing that her agency is considering the request and she intends to have a decision "in the coming days." She said the city has made significant strides in a voluntary, collaborative reform effort with the Justice Department that began last fall, but "I have not ruled out the possibility that more may need to be done." The mayor's announcement Wednesday came a day after her closed-door meeting at City Hall with Lynch.

The broad investigation, if



The Gyalwang Drukpa, left, the Buddhist leader of South Asia, prays at the site of Freddie Gray's arrest in Baltimore alongside the Rev. Jamal Bryant, right, and other faith and community leaders, Thursday, May 7, 2015. The group toured the neighborhood and visited a store that was damaged by fire during last month's unrest, following the death of Gray, who suffered a fatal spinal injury while in police custody.

(AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

undertaken by the federal agency, could eventually force the city to make changes under the over-

sight of an outside monitor. Rawlings-Blake said she would accept outside intervention to repair frac-

tured relations between the police and the public in a city that was torn by riots over Gray's death. □

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FBI sent out bulletin about gunman before Texas attack



FBI Director James Comey arrives at the Justice Department in Washington. Federal investigators learned several hours before a provocative cartoon contest in Texas that a man under investigation for extremist activities might show up and alerted local authorities there, but had no indication that he planned to attack the event, FBI Director James Comey said Thursday.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fed-

eral investigators learned several hours before a provocative cartoon contest

in Texas that a man under investigation for extremist activities might show up and alerted local authorities there, but had no indication that he planned to attack the event, FBI Director James Comey said Thursday. The information about Elton Simpson was developed about three hours before the contest, which the FBI had already identified as a potential target for violence because it involved cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad. Simpson and his roommate, both from Phoenix, opened fire outside the Garland, Texas, cultural center but were shot dead before they were able to kill anyone. Simpson, previously convicted as part of a terror-

ism-related investigation, had come under new federal scrutiny in recent months related to alarming online statements about the Islamic State. When the FBI learned that he could be heading toward the event, the agency sent an intelligence bulletin to police in Garland, including a picture and other information, "even though we didn't have reason to believe that he was going to attack the event. In fact, we didn't have reason to believe that he had left Phoenix."

Comey, making his first public comments on the Sunday shooting, did not disclose steps that he said the FBI could have taken to prevent the attack and said those questions were

still being evaluated.

"What I've seen so far looks like we did it the way we were supposed to do it," Comey said.

The FBI director said the attempted attack highlights the difficulties the FBI faces, at a time when social media has helped facilitate communication among potential homegrown extremists, in differentiating between those who merely make inflammatory comments online and those who act on them. The shooting is part of what authorities have long considered an alarming trend involving would-be recruits for whom technology makes it easier to be exposed to Islamic State propaganda through social media such as Twitter. □

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US appeals court: NSA phone record collection is illegal

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The unprecedented and unwarranted bulk collection of Americans' phone records by the government is illegal because it wasn't authorized by Congress, a federal appeals court said Thursday as it asked legislators to decide how to balance national security and privacy interests.

The National Security Agency's collection and storage of U.S. landline calling records — times, dates and numbers but not content of the calls — was the most controversial program among many disclosed in 2013 by former NSA systems administrator Edward Snowden. Some NSA officials opposed the program, and independent evaluations have found it

of limited value as a counterterrorism tool. Snowden remains exiled in Russia.

On Thursday, a three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan permitted the NSA to continue temporarily as it exists, but all but pleaded for Congress to better define where boundaries exist.

"In light of the asserted national security interests at stake, we deem it prudent to pause to allow an opportunity for debate in Congress that may (or may not) profoundly alter the legal landscape," said the opinion written by Circuit Judge Gerald Lynch.

"The statutes to which the government points have never been interpreted to authorize anything approaching the breadth of the sweeping surveillance at issue here," the court

said. "The sheer volume of information sought is staggering."

A lower court judge in December tossed out an American Civil Liberties Union lawsuit, saying the program was a necessary extension to security measures taken after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. The appeals court said the lower court had erred.

U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said the government is reviewing the court's decision. She added that the June 1 expiration of the Patriot Act provisions provides opportunities to reauthorize the program "in a way that does preserve its efficacy and protect privacy."

The court's ruling sharpens the focus on the ongoing congressional debate surrounding the program. □



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US Financial Front:

A hazy view of US economy emerges ahead of April jobs report



Erika Padilla, center, and Michael McKeown, left, of Farmers Insurance, meet with job applicants during a National Career Fairs job fair, in Chicago. (AP Photo/M. Spencer Green)

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the government reports Friday on job growth during April, it could help clarify an increasingly nagging question:

Just how strong is the U.S. economy?

The picture has grown hazier of late. Employers added only 126,000 jobs in March, ending a yearlong streak of monthly gains above 200,000. For April, economists predict a rebound to 222,500 added jobs.

Yet weaknesses have emerged in reports showing falling worker productivity, a slowdown in exports, modest consumer spending and sluggish overall economic expansion.

Over the past few years, the United States has served as a powerful engine for the world's economy. But on Thursday, the International Monetary Fund predicted that Asian economies would lead global growth in 2015, in part thanks to recoveries in India and Japan.

Since the year began, the U.S. economy has sent signals of both potential strength and poten-

tially debilitating weakness. Lower oil prices have forced cutbacks at energy companies and the manufacturers supplying them. The stronger dollar has squashed export growth and held down corporate profits. Worker pay, a chronic drag on U.S. growth, has yet to rise significantly for many.

Still, there are optimistic signs: Employers are shedding fewer and fewer workers, the government reported Thursday. Home sales surged in March.

Most economists have attributed the barely-there U.S. growth during the January-March quarter mainly to temporary factors: Nasty winter weather, the impacts of cheaper oil and a since-resolved West Coast ports dispute. That theory will be tested by Friday's jobs report. It could either cast the recent slowdown as merely a blip or confirm that a powerful undertow has been depressing growth.

"If we do see that disappointing pace in April, that 100 percent negates the 'It was weather argument,'" said Lindsey Piegza, chief economist at Sterne Agee. Recent economic indica-

tors have drawn a muddy picture:

— The four-week average of the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell to 279,500 last week, the lowest level in 15 years, according to the Labor Department. This figure tends to anticipate stronger hiring, though it's possible that companies facing uncertainty are refraining from layoffs while delaying hiring until they get a better sense of the economy. That argument was bolstered by a private survey released Wednesday by payroll processor ADP. It said businesses added just 169,000 jobs in April, down from 175,000 in March.

— Worker productivity slipped in the first quarter while labor costs surged, the Labor Department said Wednesday. The report marked only the third time in 25 years that productivity has suffered back-to-back quarterly declines. Lower productivity is usually a negative for the economy because it suggests that workers are becoming less efficient.

— The trade deficit widened in March, creating a drag on the nation's gross domestic product. Imports climbed after the West Coast ports dispute was settled. U.S. exports, which have become pricier for foreign buyers because of a stronger dollar, barely nudged up. The trade gap shot up 43 percent from February, the government said.

— The government's first estimate of U.S. growth during the first quarter was that the economy expanded at a 0.2 percent annual rate. But because trade deficits subtract from growth, this week's news of a much wid-

er trade gap triggered estimates from many analysts that the economy actually shrank during the January-March quarter. The U.S. economy also shrank during last year's first quarter during a brutal winter. But many employers expected 2015 to produce additional strength because of strong hiring in much of 2014. Instead, growth has fallen well below its 3.6 percent

annual rate in the second half of last year. Lackluster consumer spending helps explain the deceleration.

— But home sales staged a big comeback in March, a possible sign that more Americans are eager to make expensive purchases. People bought existing homes at an annual pace of 5.19 million, the National Association of Realtors said. □

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Police break up US-Italy drug ring run out of NYC pizzeria

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Associated Press

NEW YORK/ROME (AP) —

By night, the Calabrian immigrant family served up piping-hot pizza. After hours, Italian and U.S. authorities say, the restaurant in the New York borough

of Queens was busy filling other orders — allegedly running a cocaine trafficking ring that spanned three continents.

The ring's modus operandi involved suitcases of cash sent by courier to Costa Rica and drug shipments

through Pennsylvania and Delaware destined for Spain, Holland and Italy, according to a joint FBI and Italian probe made public at a news conference Thursday in Rome at the headquarters of Italy's national anti-Mafia pros-



Italian Police and U.S. FBI agents take in custody a man suspected of belonging to the 'ndrangheta criminal syndicate, during a police operation, in Sinopoli, southern Italy, early Thursday morning, May 7, 2015. Italian police said that in operations conducted with U.S. FBI agents they have dismantled a major drug trafficking ring whose base was a restaurant-pizzeria in New York City.

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The Cucino a Modo Mio (I Cook It My Way) restaurant was a popular local haunt with a secret weapons cache, officials say. Inside a safe, investigators found six pistols, a rifle, ammunition, brass knuckles, other weapons and \$100,000 in bills. The operation points to what investigators say is an increasingly deep-rooted U.S. stronghold for the 'ndrangheta, the southern Italian crime syndicate that has taken advantage of the Sicilian Mafia's disarray and is consolidating ties with New York's traditional Cosa Nostra crime clans.

At least 13 people were arrested in pre-dawn raids in Calabria, the region in southern Italy that is the power base of the 'ndrangheta, which authorities say is focused on consolidating its influence and operations in the United States. They were held on investigation of suspicion of drug trafficking, Italian prosecutors said. Three Calabrians, identified by Italian and U.S. authori-

ties as Gregorio Gigliotti, his wife, Eleanora, and son Angelo, were arrested in New York two months ago. All were members of the family that ran the pizzeria in the Corona neighborhood of Queens, authorities said. Angelo Gigliotti's lawyer, Gerald McMahon, said the case against his client is weak. His client pleaded innocent following his arrest on March 11 and is being held without bail.

There was no immediate response to messages left Thursday for the lawyers of the two other defendants in New York.

Cucino a Modo Mio was the command center for an international trafficking operation, said Andrea Grassi, who is in charge of the Rome-unit of a Italian state police special operations division known as SCO. Italian authorities said they seized 56 kilograms (123 pounds) cocaine in the Netherlands and Spain in an investigation earlier in 2014 that was a run-up to this probe. □



Exit poll: Conservatives surprisingly strong in UK election

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LONDON (AP) — An exit poll projected a surprisingly strong showing for Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservative Party in Britain's election Thursday, suggesting it is within touching distance of forming a new government.

The opposition Labour Party fared worse than expected, the exit poll suggested, and Cameron's coalition partner, the Liberal Democrat Party, was expected to lose most of its seats. The biggest surge was for the separatist Scottish National Party, which was expected to take all but one of the seats in Scotland.

The exit poll, based on interviews with 22,000 voters, differed strongly from opinion polls conducted during the month-long election campaign, which had put the Conservatives and Ed Miliband's Labour Party neck-and-neck with about a third of the vote share each.

Political leaders said they would wait for actual results before jumping to conclusions, and some in the Labour Party expressed skepticism about the poll. "I have to say it just doesn't feel right," said longtime Labour adviser Alistair Campbell.

The survey was conducted by pollsters GfK and Ipsos MORI for Britain's broadcasters and released as polling stations closed at 10 p.m. (2100 GMT).

Results began coming in within an hour of polls clos-



Britain's Prime Minister and Conservative Party leader David Cameron and his wife Samantha leave a voting station in Spelsbury, England, as protesters demonstrate outside after they voted in the general election, Thursday, May 7, 2015. (AP Photo/Alastair Grant)

ing. The seat of Houghton and Sunderland South in northeast England was the first of the 650 to complete the traditional election-night ritual: Votes in each constituency are counted by hand and the candidates — each wearing a bright rosette in the color of their party — line up on stage as a returning officer reads out the results.

The first three seats of the night all went to Labour — but all three had been expected to.

The exit poll projected that the Conservatives would get 316 seats — up from 302 and far more than had been predicted — and Labour 239, down from 256. The Liberal Democrats would shrink from 56 seats to 10, and the Scottish na-

tionalists would grow from six to 58.

If the exit poll is accurate, the Conservative Party would be in a commanding position to form the next government by seeking partners from smaller parties.

There could be a re-run of the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition that has governed since 2010.

The poll put the two parties' total at 326 — just over half the 650 seats in the House of Commons.

Cameron could also seek support from the right-of-center Democratic Unionists in Northern Ireland, who had eight seats before the election, or the anti-European U.K. Independence Party.

The Conservatives and Labour have both watched voters turn elsewhere — chiefly to the Scottish nationalists, who will dominate north of the border, and the anti-immigrant U.K. Independence Party.

UKIP ran third in opinion polls, but the exit poll predicted it would win just two seats because its support isn't concentrated in specific areas. The Greens were also forecast to get two seats.

Conservative politicians did not declare victory, and Labour did not concede defeat, as everyone waited to see whether the poll's surprising predictions would be borne out. □

Wilders wants more cartoon shows in wake of shooting

RAF CASERT

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The Dutch anti-Islam political leader who was guest of honor at the Prophet Muhammad cartoon show in Garland, Texas, where gunmen opened fire called Thursday for more such exhibitions as a show of defiance.

Geert Wilders of the Dutch PVV Freedom Party said in a telephone interview that

he wants to set up a special Prophet Muhammad cartoon show at the Dutch legislature in The Hague and said all parties who back freedom of expression should rally around the idea. Wilders said that "the most important reaction to the attack on freedom of expression was to make sure that everybody sees this." Wilders spoke at the show but departed before the shooting that injured a

security guard and left the two attackers dead.

The firebrand politician has often been accused of excessive anti-immigrant and anti-Islam rhetoric; his party, with 12 seats in the 150-seat Dutch parliament, is often ostracized by other mainstream groups. Wilders himself has lived under constant police protection for years after receiving death threats. The Garland show turned

out to be one of his most dangerous outings. He left the venue only shortly before the two gunman attacked.

Still, Wilders insisted this was no time to lie low.

"If we show fewer of these cartoons, we will show the people who use violence and terror that their tactics work," he said. "So we have to show as many cartoons as possible as a reaction to that violence." □



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Isaac Herzog, the co-leader of the center-left Zionist Union, in Beit Shean, Israel. A spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said May 7, 2015, that he was reserving the post of foreign minister for Isaac Herzog of the center-left Zionist Union, in hopes of expanding the thin majority government he just formed into a broad one of national unity.

(Uriel Sinai/The New York Times)

Seeking to broaden coalition; Netanyahu reserves crucial post for rival

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JERUSALEM - A spokesman for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel said Thursday that he was reserving the post of foreign minister for Isaac Herzog of the center-left Zionist Union, in hopes of expanding the razor-thin majority government he just formed into a broad one of national unity.

But Herzog, whose party finished second behind Netanyahu's Likud in the elections March 17, said his faction would "not be a fifth wheel and have no intention of saving Netanyahu from the hole he has dug for himself." He promised instead to lead "a fighting, consolidated, strong opposition" aimed at bringing down the government.

The conservative Likud Party and the more-conservative Jewish Home party

continued negotiating through the night before signing a deal at 10 a.m. Thursday that seals Netanyahu's fourth term but leaves him in a precarious spot, with 61 of Parliament's 120 seats, the slimmest majority in two decades.

After drawn-out, fraught negotiations with potential partners who are also political rivals, Netanyahu found himself racing to meet the deadline to form a government, despite his clear election mandate to do so. The new government is expected to be sworn in next week.

The leader of the center-right Kulanu Party, Moshe Kahlon, gained an influential foothold with control of the Finance Ministry. Jewish Home got the Education, Justice and Agriculture ministries, after gaining leverage with Monday's announcement that Avigdor Lieberman's ultra-national-

alist Yisrael Beiteinu party would not join the government. The agreement signed Thursday rewards Jewish Home's prime constituencies of settlers in the occupied West Bank and modern-Orthodox military families. It would increase the budget of the Education Ministry, to be headed by the party chief, Naftali Bennett, and of Ariel University, whose West Bank situation makes it controversial; swell the salaries of soldiers in their third year of mandatory service; and armor buses serving settlements.

Moshe Yaalon of Likud is expected to stay on as defense minister. But with many significant posts having been distributed to the other parties, analysts said Netanyahu could now face an uprising from politicians in his own party who are competing for reduced spoils. □

Dutch activist faces trial over profane tirade insulting King

DAN BILEFSKY

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LONDON - The Netherlands has long been celebrated for its liberalism, but an anti-racism activist appears to have run up against the limits of Dutch tolerance after cursing the country's first king in 120 years. Dutch prosecutors said Thursday that the activist, Abulkasim al-Jaberi, would go on trial on charges of insulting the king, under a centuries-old law in a case that is connected to broader national issues, including freedom of expression, the sanctity of the monarchy and the culture war over a blackface character, Zwarde Piet, or Black Pete, a sidekick of Santa Claus in the Netherlands. Al-Jaberi, who could face up to five years in prison, was arrested Nov. 16, while he was protesting against Black Pete, he says. Black Pete accompanies St. Nicholas in a popular parade in November and is often portrayed by children and adults who put on blackface makeup, paint on large red lips and wear frizzy black wigs. Critics say it is a racist relic from colonial times.

In a tirade that was captured on television, al-Jaberi used a barrage of swear words against King Willem-Alexander, who was inaugurated a little more than two years ago. Al-Jaberi's lawyer, Willem Jebbink, said the tirade was intended to link Black Pete to the Dutch royal family and colonization.

Supporters of Black Pete, and there are many in the Netherlands, contend that the character is not racist and that use of blackface is intended to represent soot from traveling down a chimney.

Evert Boerstra, a spokesman for the Amsterdam prosecutor's office, said by telephone that al-Jaberi had been charged with deliberately insulting the king, and that he would appear in court May 27.

He said al-Jaberi was being tried because he had failed to pay a fine of 500 euros, or about \$570, related to the original offense.

"We don't make the laws; we just enforce them," he said, noting that prosecutions under *lèse-majesté* laws, dating from 1886, were very rare.

Under the law of *lèse-majesté*, or injured majesty, in the Netherlands, a person who is found to have purposely insulted the king or a member of the royal household can be subject to a fine of as much as 20,000 euros or as many as five years in jail.

Although human rights groups have condemned the use of *lèse-majesté* in countries such as Thailand as a pretext to silence criticism or dissent, the application of the law in the Netherlands is viewed as surprising in a country that prides itself on its liberalism.

Some critics, not least Jebbink, argue that the law is an anachronism that breaches European laws guaranteeing freedom of speech and expression.

"The police removed him from the stage and arrested him," Jebbink said by phone. "The Netherlands likes to say it upholds human rights to the highest standards, but his arrest is a shame and disgrace."

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Saudis propose a 5-day cease-fire in Yemen to Houthis

AHMED AL-HAJ

BRADLEY KLAPPER

Associated Press

SANA, Yemen (AP) —

Saudi Arabia said Thursday it is prepared to begin a five-day, renewable cease-fire in Yemen so that humanitarian aid can reach millions of civilians caught up in the conflict that has killed more than 1,400 people. The badly needed reprieve was announced in Riyadh by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and the Saudi foreign minister. It is dependent on whether Yemen's Iranian-backed Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, and their allies also agree to halt fighting. Hamed al-Bokheeti, a spokesman for the Houthi movement in the capital of Sanaa, was dismissive of the news of the cease-fire. "What cease-fire are we talking about? Airstrikes are continuing unabated," he told The Associated Press by telephone. News of the conditional cease-fire after weeks of airstrikes came as forces loyal to Yemen's internationally recognized president battled the Houthis and their allies. Military and security officials said the rebel forces advanced on the suburb of Dar Saad north of the strategic port of Aden on the Arabian Sea, while fighting intensified in nearby Abyan, Shabwa and Taiz provinces. □

APNewsBreak:

Turkey, Saudi in pact to help anti-Assad rebels

DESMOND BUTLER

Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) —

Casting aside U.S. concerns about aiding extremist groups, Turkey and Saudi Arabia have converged on an aggressive new strategy to bring down Syrian President Bashar Assad. The two countries — one a democracy, the other a conservative kingdom — have for years been at odds over how to deal with Assad, their common enemy. But mutual frustration with what they consider American indecision has brought the two together in a strategic alliance that is driving recent rebel gains in northern Syria, and has helped strengthen a new coalition of anti-Assad insurgents, Turkish officials say.

That is provoking concern in the United States, which does not want rebel groups, including the al-Qaida linked Nusra Front, uniting to topple Assad. The Obama administration worries that the revived rebel alliance could potentially put a more dangerous radical Islamist regime in Assad's place, just as the U.S. is focused on bringing down the Islamic State group. A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issues, said the administration is con-



Syrian President Bashar Assad speaks during a public appearance at a school in Damascus, Syria, Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Casting aside U.S. concerns about aiding extremist groups, Turkey and Saudi Arabia have converged on an aggressive new strategy to bring down Syrian President Assad.

(SANA via AP)

cerned that the new alliance is helping Nusra gain territory in Syria.

The coordination between Turkey and Saudi Arabia reflects renewed urgency and impatience with the Obama administration's policy in the region. Saudi Arabia previously kept its distance and funding from some anti-Assad Islamist groups at Washington's urging, according to Turkish officials. Saudi Arabia and Turkey also differed about the role of the international

Islamist group, the Muslim Brotherhood, in the Syrian opposition. Turkey supports the group, while the Saudi monarchy considers it a threat to its rule at home; that has translated into differences on the ground — until recently.

"The key is that the Saudis are no longer working against the opposition," a Turkish official said. He and other officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

Turkish officials say the Obama administration has disengaged from Syria as it focuses on rapprochement with Iran. While the U.S. administration is focused on degrading the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq, they say it has no coherent strategy for ending the rule of Assad, Iran's key ally in the region.

The new Turkish and Saudi push suggests that they view Assad as a bigger threat to the region than groups like Nusra. □

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HUANTA, Peru (AP) — The lung-searing ascents into the Andean highlands aren't what worry the untold hundreds of young men who hump backpacks loaded with drugs out of the remote, lawless valley that produces about 60 percent of Peru's cocaine.

Armed gangs, crooked police and rival backpacker groups regularly rob cocaine's beasts of burden on their three- to five-day journeys over mountain paths carved by their pre-Incan ancestors.

In this country that overtook Colombia in 2012 as the world's No. 1 cocaine-producing nation, Mardonio Borda regularly hikes within a few hours of the Machu Picchu tourist mecca, bound for Cuzco with drugs. The 19-year-old Quechua native has a sixth-grade education and speaks broken Spanish. But the 11 pounds of coca paste he carries will fetch up to \$250,000 on



Fortunato Farfan laughs while posing for a photo in La Mar, province of Ayacucho, Peru. Fortunato is wearing a T-shirt with a phrase that reads in Spanish: "No to coca eradication in the VRAEM." VRAEM is the acronym for Valley of the Apurimac, Ene and Mantaro rivers, where sixty percent of Peru's cocaine originates.

(AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

New York streets as powder cocaine sold by the gram. Hauling cocaine is about the only way to earn decent cash — \$150 to \$400 per trip depending on the load — in a region where a farmhand earns less than \$10 a day and the poverty rate is triple the national average.

Yet it is packing highlands

prisons with young, mostly native Quechua speakers who, like Borda, hail from the isolated communities that suffered the worst atrocities of Peru's 1980-2000 conflict with Shining Path rebels. "The great majority haven't finished high school," said Laura Barrenechea, a sociologist who oversaw a

study last year of 33 imprisoned backpackers. "They are not really conscious that they are the first link in the drug-trafficking chain."

The Apurimac, Ene and Mantaro river valley stretches northward for 250 miles (400 kilometers), and about a third of the coca grown here is trekked out by backpackers. Not a single fully paved road reaches the valley, which separates the Andes ridge from the Amazon basin.

Police say more and more cocaine is being processed to powder rather than left as coca paste, which includes residues of hydrocarbons, typically gasoline, used in initial processing. While authorities say most of the drugs are now flown out, the backpacking is dependable in the rainy season, cheaper than hiring a pilot and plane — and key to evading police checkpoints. Backpackers, or "mochileros," ("mochila" is Spanish for backpack), have been hauling the drug for nearly two decades, traveling in groups as small as four and as large as 70. Guards with assault rifles often accompany them. They tote radios and satellite phones, while police rarely have more than cellphones.

Some backpackers carry handguns, some grenades. Nobody hits the trail unarmed, they say.

Alcides Martinez, 24, lost two close friends. One fell off a precipice in the confusion of an armed robbery. Another was deemed an informant — and took two bullets to the head.

Many backpackers believe their bosses sometimes dispatch robbers — or sacrifice a small group to police so a much larger contingent can pass unperturbed carrying far more cocaine. One said he invested in a load to try to get ahead and his boss hired thieves to steal his 25-kilogram (55-pound) share — then demanded he pay for the stolen drugs. The backpacker moved with his parents to the Pacific coast, where they harvest

rice. Two years later, they still haven't paid off the \$10,000 bank loan they took out to invest in the drug shipment.

"I can't go back," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity out of fear. "They said they're going to kill me."

Rural medic Oscar Huaman runs a health post along a principal backpacker route and sees mochileros almost daily.

He said robbers like to pounce at mountain streams where fatigued mochileros drop their loads to refresh. In January, Huaman had to pluck grenade fragments from the legs and faces of two backpackers who were attacked at a stream. One lost his pack and the nearly 18 pounds (8 kilograms) of cocaine inside.

It could have been worse. Villagers along the remote routes sometimes run across putrefied corpses. Deaths go unreported. Bodies lack identification papers, and locals quietly bury them. Borda, the backpacker whose route passes near Machu Picchu, says his group of four was once confronted by five gunmen. "We only had three .38-caliber pistols," he said. "So that they wouldn't kill us, we gave them all the backpacks." In highlands prisons near the Apurimac river valley, nearly half the inmates are in for cocaine trafficking — compared to a fifth nationwide. Worse for backpackers, a statute was amended last year to strip those newly convicted of drug offenses of a chance at parole.

President Ollanta Humala lamented the imprisoned backpackers' plight in remarks in Cuzco last July.

"I'm embarrassed for this country because we have not offered them opportunity." Sociologist and drug war analyst Jaime Antezana said cocaine backpackers are disproportionately penalized because powerful traffickers evade prosecution by bribing police, prosecutors and judges. □



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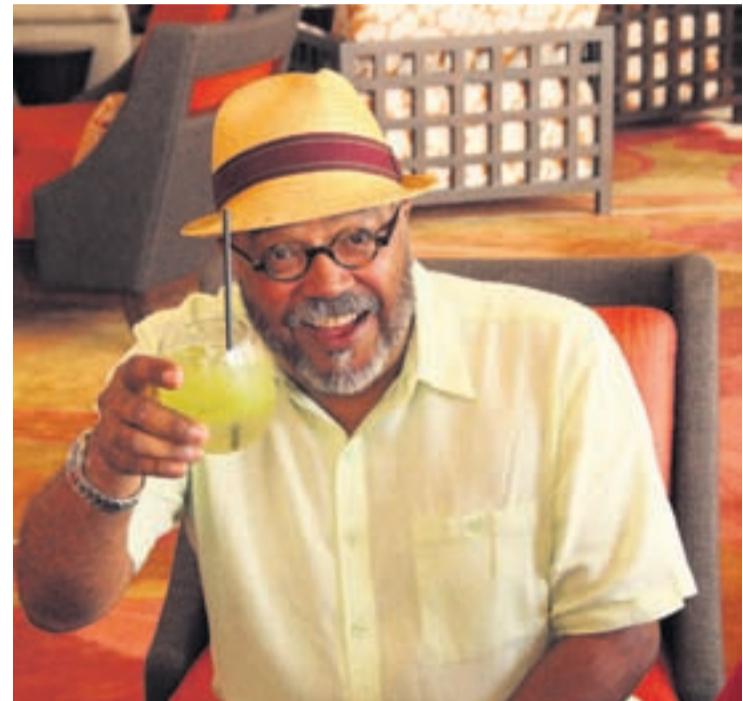


slot tournament was organized for the press members. During a fun time filled with laughter, where every single player could choose a charity of their choice, three ladies won: Thanks to our own Marijke Croes-Luidens from the Aruba Today & Bon Dia Aruba, who ended up overall winner, the amount of \$ 2000 will be donated to "Stichting Casa Cuna".

Gwen Wever, from radio

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Sarah-Quita Offringa Wins First Slalom Event of the Year in South Korea

ORANJESTAD/SOUTH KOREA - Good things come to those who wait at the 2015 Ulsan PWA Slalom World Cup.

After four days of waiting, on day 5 the thermal winds finally came through, allowing for not just one, but two completed eliminations for both the men and the women. When the smoke cleared, it was the Frenchman and the Aruban who came out ahead,

but closely followed by the rest of the pack.

In the women's fleet, the marquee players did what they had to do to claim their ticket to the winners final. Making it through were Lena Erdil, Sarah-Quita Offringa, Delphine Cousin, Esther deGeus, Mio Anayama, Fulya Ünlü, María Andrés, Cagla Kubat, Marion Mortefon and Ayako Suzuki.

It was Offringa who had

the best start, arriving at the first mark in the lead. Erdil and Unlu were chasing her down, completing the same top three that won the 1st elimination final. The three top women never gave up their podium places, meaning the top slot for the women is tied as both Offringa and Unlu have got a first and a third and Erdil two second spots. The rule to break such a tie is to award victory to the sailor



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who won the last elimination, which in this case was Sarah Quita Offringa.

Day 6: Going out with a bang at Jinha Beach. Sarah Quita Offringa (Starboard/NeilPryde) and Antoine Albeau (RRD/NeilPryde) successfully fend off the rest of the fleet on a windy closing day of the 2015 Ulsan PWA World Cup in South Korea

With two eliminations in the pocket and a forecast that could go either way, the top spots at Jinha Beach were far from locked in as we moved into the final day of the event. As the day started off cool and overcast, there was no guarantee

the thermal winds would actually come through. But the Jinha Beach wind machine switched back on around lunchtime, setting the stage for another round of slalom fireworks. With the men's competition wrapped up, the bay belonged to the girls for the rest of the afternoon. And as luck would have it, conditions just seemed to get better and better. The first rounds saw the usual suspects go through to the final, featuring Sarah-Quita Offringa, Marion Mortefon, Ayako Suzuki, Cagla, Valérie Ghibaudo, Fulya Ünlü, Delphine Cousin, Lena Erdil, Mio Anayama and Marion Dusart.

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But it was Erdil who lead the pack over the line and towards the first mark, with Offringa breathing down her neck. At the first mark, the runner-up from both the first and second elimination expertly squeezed out Offringa just before they went around the first inside buoy. Erdil kept her lead and extended it throughout the race, snatching victory from under Offringa's nose and with it pole position in the event.

But Erdil would have to hold off on celebrating, as the wind was still pumping and the call was made to do one more round.

The fourth round final was a showdown between Erdil, Unlu, Cousin, Ghibaudo, Dusart, Offringa, Kubat, Suzuki, Anayama and Lescadieu. But the biggest battle was between Erdil and Offringa, both gunning for Korean gold. Right from the start, it was Offringa who dictated the pace, while Erdil didn't have the best of starts. Offringa extended her lead throughout the race, with Cousin in second and Erdil watching her hopes for the event title shatter from third position. Offringa's first position in the fleet was never in any danger and the Aruban crossed the finish line not only the winner of the heat, but of the event as well. □



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New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady laughs during an event at Salem State University in Salem, Mass., Thursday, May 7, 2015.

Associated Press

Brady: Deflated balls scandal doesn't taint Super Bowl win

HOWARD ULMAN
AP Sports Writer

SALEM, Mass. (AP) — New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said Thursday night the scandal surrounding his use of deflated footballs during the NFL playoffs last season hasn't detracted in any way from his Super Bowl title.

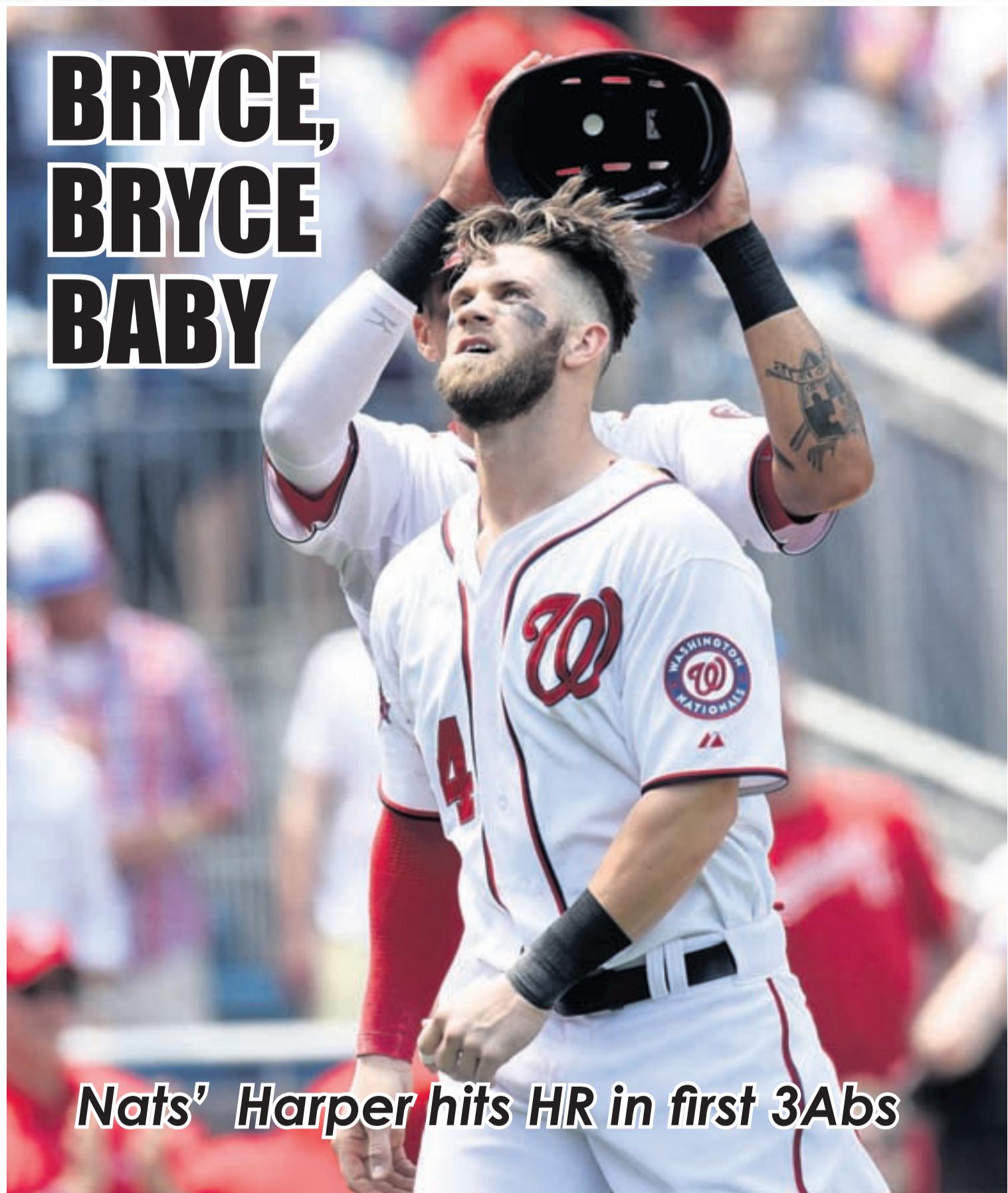
"Absolutely not," Brady told a friendly university crowd in his first public appearance since an NFL investigation concluded Brady likely knew Patriots employees were cheating. "We earned everything we got and achieved as a team, and I am proud of that and so are our fans," he said.

Brady declined to discuss his thoughts about the 243-page report that said that he was likely at least aware two team employees were breaking rules by deflating footballs for him.

"I don't really have any reaction. It has only been 30 hours, I've not had much time to digest it," Brady said.

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BRYCE, BRYCE BABY



Nats' Harper hits HR in first 3Abs

Washington Nationals shortstop Ian Desmond, obscured at rear, takes off the batting helmet of teammate Bryce Harper (34) as Harper crosses home plate after hitting a home run in the third inning of a baseball game against the Miami Marlins at Nationals Park in Washington, Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

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NBA Playoff Capsules

James back to best as Cavaliers square series

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James attacked from the start and scored 33 points, Kyrie Irving added 21 and the Cleveland Cavaliers evened their semifinal series with Chicago with a 106-91 victory over the Bulls in Game 2 on Wednesday night.

Donning his signature headband for the first time in two months and powering to the basket, James kept the Cavs from falling into a 2-0 hole.

He added eight rebounds and five assists for Cleveland, which led by 25 in the third quarter and withstood a third-quarter charge by the Bulls.

For the second straight game, the Cavs were without forward Kevin Love (shoulder surgery) and J.R. Smith (two-game suspen-



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) dunks the ball against the Chicago Bulls during the first half of Game 2 in a second-round NBA basketball playoff series Wednesday, May 6, 2015, in Cleveland.

Associated Press

sion). But they had James and he was more like him-

self after a sub-par performance in the opener.

Jimmy Butler scored 18 and Derrick Rose had 14 points

and 10 assists for the Bulls, who host Game 3 on Friday night.

ROCKETS 115, CLIPPERS 109

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden scored 16 of his 32 points in the fourth quarter to lift Houston over Los Angeles to even the Western Conference semifinals at one game apiece.

Dwight Howard had 24 points and 16 rebounds for the Rockets, who bounced back from a 117-101 loss in the opener.

Game 3 is Friday night in Los Angeles.

Trevor Ariza added 15 points and 13 rebounds for Houston, which made 42 of its 64 free throws.

Blake Griffin led Los Angeles with 34 points, but had just eight after halftime as Houston keyed on him with All-Star point guard Chris Paul out with a hamstring injury. □

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Washington Capitals left wing Andre Burakovsky (65), from Austria, scores the game winning goal past New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist, from Sweden, with defenseman Ryan McDonagh (27) nearby during the third period of Game 4 in the second round of the NHL Stanley Cup hockey playoffs, Wednesday, May 6, 2015, in Washington.

Associated Press

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rookie Andre Burakovsky scored his first two playoff goals and Braden Holtby saved a penalty shot, helping the Washington Capitals to a 2-1 victory over the New York Rangers on Wednesday night for a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Burakovsky equalized in the second period, then put Washington ahead 24 seconds into the third.

With 12 minutes left in regulation, Holtby — who finished with 28 saves — flicked his glove to catch Carl Hagelin's penalty shot and preserve the lead.

The Capitals can close out the Presidents' Trophy-winning Rangers in the best-of-seven series and advance to the conference finals for the first time in Alex Ovechkin's career by taking Game 5 in New York on Friday night.

LIGHTNING 2, CANADIENS 1

TAMPA, Florida (AP) — Tyler Johnson's goal with 1.1 seconds remaining gave the Lightning a 3-0 lead in the series. Johnson scored his eighth goal of the post-season off a pass from Victor Hedman in a stunning finish for the Canadiens, who tied it midway through the third period on Brendan Gallagher's goal. Ben Bishop stopped 30 shots for Tampa Bay, 8-0 against Montreal this sea-

NHL Capsules

Burakovsky leads Capitals over Rangers to 3-1 series lead

son. The game appeared headed for overtime when the Lightning gathered to take one more crack at goalie Carey Price. Hedman carried into the

left circle and sent his pass through the middle just beyond defenseman P.K. Subban's stick to Johnson converging on Price from the right.

The Lightning won their fifth straight playoff game and will go for a sweep of the Eastern Conference semifinal series on Thursday night in Tampa. □

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Harper's 3 HRs, 5 RBIs lift Nationals over Marlins 7-5

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Bryce Harper hit three home runs in a game for the first time and had five RBIs, and the Washington Nationals beat Miami 7-5 Wednesday to take two of three from the Marlins for their third straight series win.

Harper hit a solo homer in the second, a two-run drive in the third and a bases-

empty shot in the fifth, the last two reaching the second deck, all off Tom Koehler (2-3).

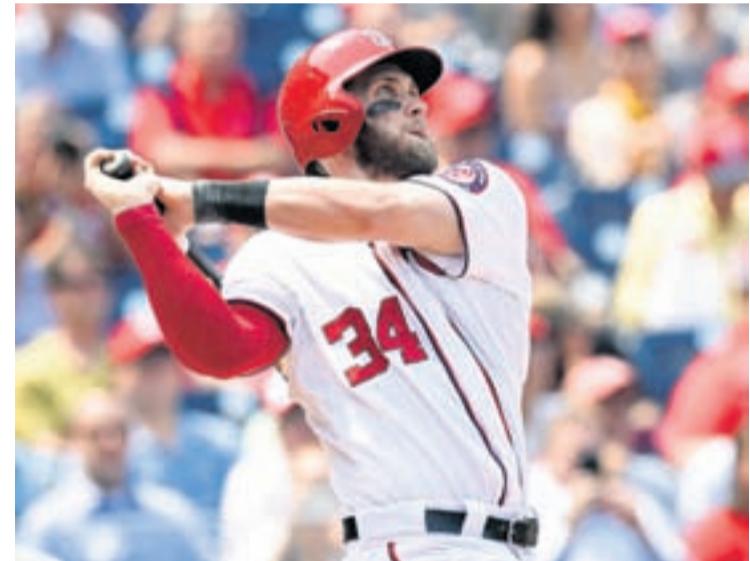
With an opportunity to tie major league record of four homers in a game, Harper hit a run-scoring groundout in the seventh.

Max Scherzer (2-3) struck out 10 and allowed five runs and 10 hits over seven-plus innings, including Giancarlo

Stanton's three-run homer in the eighth. Drew Storen got three outs for his eighth save.

PADRES 9, GIANTS 1

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ian Kennedy (2-1) struck out five in seven innings to win his second straight start, and San Diego avoided a sweep and stopped the Giants' eight-game home streak.



Washington Nationals right fielder Bryce Harper (34) watches the ball after hitting a second home run against the Miami Marlins during the third inning of their baseball game at Nationals Park in Washington, Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

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Austin Hedges, a 22-year-old rookie, hit an RBI single in a five-run third for his first major league hit, then added a sacrifice fly in the eighth. He also threw out Nori Aoki at second following his RBI single in the third. Chris Heston (2-3) allowed five runs and 11 hits in five innings.

DIAMONDBACKS 13, ROCKIES 7, 1ST GAME

DIAMONDBACKS 5, ROCKIES 1, 2ND GAME

DENVER (AP) — Paul Goldschmidt homered and Robbie Ray threw six strong innings in a spot start, helping the Arizona Diamondbacks complete their first double-header road sweep since 2006, beating the scuffling Colorado Rockies.

In the opening game, Aaron Hill tied a career high with four RBIs, including a three-run homer, as the Diamondbacks breezed to a win.

Rain postponed the first two games of the series.

A light drizzle fell during the second game with lightning flashes creeping closer and closer.

In the game, Jordan Lyles (2-3) allowed four runs in seven innings as the Rockies dropped their seventh straight. Ray (1-0), who allowed five hits and one run, was to be sent right back to Triple-A Reno.

In the first game, Josh Collemon (3-3) gave up five runs in seven innings, including three homers.

Tyler Matzek (2-1) allowed four runs in two innings and matched a career high with six walks.

REDS 3, PIRATES 0

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Leake worked eight innings for his sixth straight victory over Pittsburgh and Marlon Byrd homered for the second night in a row.

Leake (2-1) allowed six hits and has not lost to the Pirates in 15 starts, dating to 2012. □



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Buehrle ends horror run, Blue Jays win 5-1

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TORONTO (AP) — Russell Martin homered and Mark Buehrle earned a victory over the Yankees for the first time in more than a decade.

Martin went 3 for 4 and Chris Colabello had a career-high four hits as the Blue Jays took two of three from the AL East-leading Yankees.

Buehrle came in with a 1-14 record in his career against New York, and was 0-12 with a 7.27 ERA in 17 starts against them since his lone victory.

Buehrle's only previous win over the Yankees came on April 10, 2004. Buehrle (4-2) allowed one run and six hits in five innings.

CC Sabathia (0-5) remained winless in six starts, INDIANS 10, ROYALS 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Just about everyone in the Cleveland lineup drove in a run, Carlos Carrasco tossed seven sharp innings and the Indians rolled to a win over the Kansas City Royals.

Brandon Moss homered and added a two-run double to lead the charge, but six other Indians also drove in runs, helping Carrasco (4-2) end a three-game skid against the Royals.

He gave up a two-run homer to Kendrys Morales, but otherwise shut down a Kansas City lineup that returned hot-hitting outfielder Lorenzo Cain from a two-game suspension.

Cleveland had already taken a 4-0 lead when Danny Duffy (2-1) was yanked after facing five batters without getting an out in the second. The Royals' bullpen briefly slowed the onslaught, but the Indians added four more runs in the seventh to put the game away.

RANGERS 11, ASTROS 3

HOUSTON (AP) — Carlos Peguero hit a pair of solo homers, Shin-Soo Choo had a two-run shot and the Texas Rangers routed the Houston Astros behind eight strong innings from Colby Lewis.

Adrian Beltre was a home run shy of the cycle for the Rangers, who finished a



Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Mark Buehrle throws against the New York Yankees during first inning American League baseball action in Toronto, Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

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three-game sweep. Houston had won 10 straight entering the series, but was outscored 20-5 over the three games.

Lewis (2-2) allowed one run and six hits to earn his first win in nearly a month. Chris Carter hit a two-run homer in the ninth for the Astros.

Peguero drove in three runs and had the first multihomer game this season by a Rangers player.

RAYS 5, RED SOX 3

BOSTON (AP) — Evan Longoria hit two solo homers, Kevin Jepsen worked out of an eighth-inning jam and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Boston Red Sox.

Joey Butler had given the Rays a 4-2 lead with a two-run single in the sixth, two nights after hitting his first major-league homer.

The Red Sox cut that lead on Mookie Betts' fifth homer of the season, his third in two days, leading off the eighth against Jepsen.

Then, after Dustin Pedroia grounded out, the Red Sox loaded the bases. But Daniel Nava grounded to first baseman James Loney, who got the force out at home. And Brock Holt grounded to Loney for the final out.

Alex Colome (2-0) got the win and Justin Masterson (2-1) took the loss. Brad Boxberger pitched a scoreless ninth for his seventh save.

TWINS 13, ATHLETICS 0

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Eddie Rosario homered on the first pitch he saw in his ma-

ANGELS 4, MARINERS 3

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Johnny Giavotella hit an RBI double in the ninth inning and Mike Trout homered, leading the Los Angeles Angels to their second walk-off win in a row over the Mariners.

One night after Carlos Perez punctuated his major league debut with a home run in the bottom of the ninth against Dominic Leone, Giavotella got his

first career game-ending hit. It scored Erick Aybar, who bunted into a force play after David Freese drew a leadoff walk from Carson Smith (0-2) and was replaced by pinch-runner Taylor Featherston.

Huston Street (2-0) was credited with the win after his first blown save in 10 opportunities this season. He gave up a sacrifice fly by pinch-hitter Dustin Ackley in the top of the ninth. □



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Bulls' Jimmy Butler selected as NBA's most improved player

ANDREW SELIGMAN

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Jimmy Butler of the Chicago Bulls has been named the NBA's most improved player after making his first All-Star team and averaging a career high in scoring.

The 25-year-old Butler received 92 of 129 first-place votes and 535 total points from a panel of U.S. sportswriters and broadcasters.

Draymond Green of the Golden State Warriors (11 first-place votes, 200 points) was second, and Rudy Gobert of the Utah Jazz (12 first-place votes, 189 points) finished third.

That the award went to Butler was hardly a surprise given the big jump he made while helping the Bulls fight through injuries to win 50 games.

In his fourth season, the guard went from averaging 13.1 to 20 points. His shooting improved from 39.7 to 46.2 percent, his rebounding jumped from 4.9 to 5.8, and his assists increased from 2.6 to 3.3.



Chicago Bulls' Jimmy Butler (21) drives against the Milwaukee Bucks' Khris Middleton (22) during the first half of Game 6 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series Thursday, April 30, 2015, in Milwaukee.

Associated Press

per game.

Butler is also in line for a huge payday as a restricted free agent after he and the Bulls were unable to agree to a contract extension before the season.

The Bulls are tied 1-1 with Cleveland in the Eastern Conference semifinals after beating Milwaukee in the first round. Game 3 is on Friday at Chicago. □

Brady

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"When I do I will be sure to let you know how I feel about it. And everybody else."

Brady said he will address things more once things play out and he is more comfortable. Brady is still waiting to see whether the league will discipline him with a fine, suspension or both.

"There is a process going forward and I am involved in this process," he said.

Asked whether public backlash is bothering him, Brady said he accepts his role as a public figure and has people who support him and help him get through it.

"As a human you care about what people think. I think also as a public figure you learn not everyone is



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady gestures during an event at Salem State University in Salem, Mass., Thursday, May 7, 2015.

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going to like you," he said. "Good, bad or indifferent there are a lot of people who don't like Tom Brady, and I am OK with that."

The report by investigator Ted Wells found some of his claims were implausible in explaining why balls were underinflated during the playoffs last season.

The superstar quarterback

Nadal into Madrid quarters; Serena, Sharapova to semis

HAROLD HECKLE

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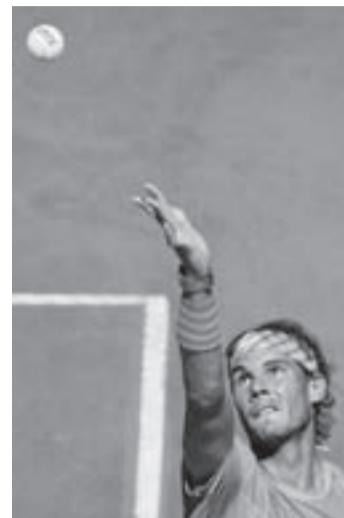
MADRID (AP) — Rafael Nadal reached the Madrid Open quarterfinals by easily past Simone Bolelli of Italy 6-2, 6-2 on Thursday. Nadal, the two-time defending champion, broke Bolelli four times and saved two break points.

Serving for the match, Nadal hit some typically agile shots; earning match point by racing forward to reach a drop shot, then hurrying back to hit a heavy top-spun lob over Bolelli to within inches of the corner of the court.

Nadal was giving this week's tournament more importance than usual because he had yet to win a title on the European clay-court swing.

Tomas Berdych, who beat Nadal in the Australian Open quarterfinals, defeated Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 7-5, 6-2, and John Isner of the United States downed Nick Kyrgios of Australia, who ousted Roger Federer in a long, tense match in the previous round.

Those winners will meet on Friday, along with Kei Nishi-



Rafael Nadal of Spain serves against Simone Bolelli of Italy during the Madrid Open Tennis tournament in Madrid, Spain, Thursday, May 7, 2015. Nadal won the match 6-2, 6-2.

Associated Press

kori and David Ferrer, who beat Nishikori in February at Acapulco for his third title of the year. However, Nishikori beat Ferrer in last year's semifinals.

On the women's side, two-time champion Serena Williams and defending champion Maria Sharapova reached the semifinals, and remained on course to meet in the final.

Nadal said he was particu-

larly happy with his serve against Bolelli.

"A serve here at altitude (Madrid is 550 meters, 1,800 feet, above sea level) is very important, it cuts the options available to the return, limiting the possibility of someone breaking you," Nadal said. "If your rival serves well, they can move you out of place. My serve has worked well and it gave me options."

His next opponent will be 10th-seeded Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria, who beat eighth-seeded Stan Wawrinka 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-3 for the second time in three weeks.

"Dimitrov is a very complete player, one of the best in the world," Nadal said. "He's proved he's playing at a very high level, and I hope I'll be prepared enough to compete with him tomorrow."

Ferrer rallied to win against fellow Spaniard Fernando Verdasco 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, while Nishikori took out Roberto Bautista-Agut, another Spaniard, 6-3, 6-3. Isner hit 20 aces in beating Kyrgios 6-3, 6-7 (7), 6-4. □

in, including some wearing Brady jerseys. During the wait, the crowd chanted "Brady" and "MVP," then gave him a standing ovation as he walked in.

Gray said the session would largely stick to subjects they planned previously when they arranged the talk 4 months ago. But he acknowledged the difficulty in avoiding one of the hottest topics in sports.

"There's an elephant in the room," Gray said.

"Where?" Brady responded.

Gray shot back: "You might be the only one in the room who does not see it."

Brady's agent, Don Yee, said earlier Thursday that the NFL was determined to blame Brady for deflated footballs in the 45-7 win over Indianapolis in the AFC title game, and the investigation omitted key facts and buried others.

The team didn't respond to requests from The Associated Press seeking comment about the report from Brady and Patriots coach Bill Belichick, who was exonerated.

The Patriots didn't make anyone available on Thursday, canceling prior plans to allow two players to be interviewed during voluntary team workouts held at the team's headquarters in Foxborough.

Wells concluded there was no plausible explanation for the deflated footballs besides deliberate tampering. Text messages to and about Brady led to the conclusions that he was aware, if not more actively involved, in the scheme.

The NFL is now using Wells' findings as it considers potential punishment. Brady, the MVP of the 2015 Super Bowl, could be fined or face a suspension. □

The first self-driving vehicle you see may have 18 wheels

KIMBERLY PIERCEALL

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Although much attention has been paid to autonomous vehicles being developed by Google and traditional car companies, one truck maker believes that automated tractor-trailers will be rolling along highways before self-driving cars are cruising around the suburbs.

On freeways there are no intersections, no red lights, no pedestrians, making it a far less complex trip, said Wolfgang Bernhard, a management board member of Germany's Daimler AG, at an event in Las Vegas.

Daimler Trucks North America showed off a self-driving big rig on the road atop Hoover Dam Tuesday night, although in this case it had a driver with his hands on the wheel the whole time.

But it will be years before an autonomous truck hits the highway for anything more than tests and demonstrations, the company says.

There are many advantages to autonomous big rigs, which use a combination of features that already are available on high-end passenger cars. A computer-controlled truck never gets drowsy. And eventually a fully autonomous rig could cut expensive driver costs for companies.

Still, there likely will always be a human behind the wheel, more as a logistics manager and to take over in emergencies.

"The human brain is still the best computer money can buy," said Daimler Trucks North America LLC CEO Martin Daum on Wednesday before the company offered rides in the truck to members of the media.

The industry is watching the developments, said Ted Scott, director of engineering for American Trucking Associations, which represents trucking companies. He questioned what the economic benefit would be, with companies paying a driver's salary on top of the new technology,



Freightliner unveils its Inspiration self-driving truck during an event at the Hoover Dam Tuesday, May 5, 2015, near Boulder City, Nev.
Associated Press

even given the potential safety advantages.

"Being a tired driver is not as big of a problem as it's often made out to be," Scott said.

The group representing truck drivers — the Owner Operator Independent Drivers Association — isn't sure the technology would affect driving jobs, noting the abundance of job openings now and the industry's high turnover.

"We mainly have questions," said Norita Taylor, the group's director of

public affairs, citing current laws regulating how long a driver can drive and prohibitions on texting while driving.

Al Pearson, Daimler Trucks' chief engineer of product validation, said all the same laws still apply: No texting, no napping while in motion.

"We need an attentive driver," he said, with the technology removing some of the stress.

Legal and philosophical questions stand in the way, as does perfecting the

technology that links radar sensors and cameras to computers that can brake and accelerate the truck and handle any freeway situation.

Public perception of a self-driving car will also be a hurdle. Daum said society might forgive a number of deaths caused by tired truck drivers at the wheel but they would never forgive a single fatal crash blamed on a fully automated big rig.

For now four states, including Nevada, and the Dis-

trict of Columbia, certify testing of autonomous vehicles on public roads as long as a human driver is behind the wheel, and a few others are keen on allowing the tests.

Bernhard said more states need to allow testing of autonomous driving before fleets of self-driving semi-trucks fill U.S. freeways and interstates anytime soon.

The company is still far from taking customer orders for the trucks.

"We're just getting people inspired," he said. □

Wearable fitness tracker maker Fitbit files for \$100M IPO

NEW YORK (AP) — Fitbit, the maker of a popular line of wearable fitness-tracking devices, on Thursday filed for an initial public offering worth up to \$100 million.

Fitbit's watch-sized devices can track how many steps a wearer takes and estimate how many calories they are burning, how far they've traveled, and how

long they've been active. More advanced devices can track sleep duration and quality, heart rate and running speed, and they can be synced up with smartphone apps.

The San Francisco company's basic Zip activity tracker costs \$59.95, while its Surge "super watch" costs \$249.95. Fitbit also makes

a Wi-Fi-enabled scale that records data like body fat in addition to weight.

Fitbit says it has sold almost 21 million devices since 2011, but more than half of those sales were made in 2014. The company reported \$745.4 million in revenue in 2014, almost triple its total a year earlier, and that pace has continued

in 2015: in the first quarter Fitbit's revenue more than tripled to \$336.8 million from \$108.8 million a year ago.

The company reported a profit of \$131.8 million in 2014 and \$48 million in the first quarter of 2015.

Fitbit Inc. intends to list its shares on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "FIT." □

Alibaba 4Q revenue jumps as it sees more shoppers

NEW YORK (AP) — Chinese e-commerce powerhouse Alibaba Group's revenue jumped 45 percent on strong mobile growth and more active buyers in the fiscal fourth quarter. The company also on Thursday named a new CEO and said it planned a hiring freeze for the fiscal year.

Sales beat expectations, and the company's shares rose 7.5 percent in pre-market trading.

Alibaba went public in September to much fanfare as investors sought to tap into the rapidly growing Chinese middle-class consumer class. Its e-commerce platforms including Taobao and Tmall make

up 80 percent of Chinese e-commerce.

Net income for the three months ended March 31 fell 49 percent to 2.87 million Chinese yuan (\$463 million), or 1.12 yuan (18 cents) per share, from 5.66 billion yuan, or 2.37 yuan per share, last year. Excluding one-time items, net income totaled 48

cents per share. Analysts expected 43 cents per share, according to FactSet.

Revenue rose 45 percent to 17.43 billion yuan (\$2.81 billion), from 12.03 billion yuan last year. Analysts expected \$2.72 billion.

Gross merchandise volume, or the total amount of goods sold on Alibaba's

platforms, rose 40 percent from the same period last year. Annual active buyers rose 37 percent to 350 million.

The company also said Daniel Zhang, chief operating officer, will become CEO effective Sunday, replacing Jonathan Lu, who will become vice chairman. □

Wall Street edges moderately higher a day after a drop

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks rose moderately Thursday in relatively quiet trading, a contrast to the heavy selling that occurred a day earlier when Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen suggested that stock prices might be too high.

The bigger action was in the bond market. U.S. Treasurys rose sharply in the afternoon, sending benchmark yields lower, a day after a flood of selling. Yellen caught investors off-guard Wednesday by saying stock values were generally "quite high." She was speaking response to a question about risks to financial stability at a conference in Washington.

Historically, Fed officials do not usually offer opinions about market levels. In the mid-1990s, stocks swooned after then-Fed chairman Alan Greenspan used the term "irrational exuberance" when talking about the market.

"Investors remain confused as to where this market wants to go," said Jonathan Corpina, a managing

partner at Meridian Equity Partners.

Many investors agree that the U.S. stock market is trading at stretched levels. Quarterly corporate earnings, which are ultimately what stocks are valued off of, were better than expected, but those expectations were low in the first place.

Now, with Yellen's comments, some analysts say stocks are unlikely to advance much further from here. Investors are paying about \$17 for every dollar of earnings in the Standard & Poor's 500, not excessively high but still above the \$15 that investors have historically paid for similar results.

"This market just feels tired. I just see us moving sideways for a while," said Wayne Wilbanks, chief investment officer at Wilbanks, Smith, Thomas in Norfolk, Va., which manages about \$2.4 billion in assets. The Dow rose 82.08 points, or 0.5 percent, to 17,924.06, effectively erasing the losses from the previous prior. The S&P 500 rose 7.85 points, or 0.4 percent,



Traders gather at a post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday, May 7, 2015. Stocks rose moderately Thursday in relatively quiet trading, a contrast to the heavy selling that occurred a day earlier when Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen suggested that stock prices might be too high.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

to 2,088 and the Nasdaq composite index rose 25.90 points, or 0.5 percent, to 4,945.54.

Even with today's gains, the major indexes are down between 0.6 percent and 1.2 percent for the week.

The next big thing on investors' plates will be the April

jobs report, which comes out Friday. Economists expect U.S. employers added 215,000 jobs in April and the unemployment rate ticked down to 5.4 percent. The March jobs report was much weaker than Wall Street had anticipated, so economists and investors are going to be

looking for any significant revisions to the previous numbers.

The bond market had a neck-twisting day as bond prices rose sharply. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.19 percent from 2.25 percent late Wednesday, an unusually large move. □

Yelp may put out 'for sale' sign after 1st quarter letdown

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AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Yelp may be heading for the auction block amid concerns about the online business review service's ability to compete against larger Internet companies for digital advertising.

Investment bankers working with Yelp are courting potential suitors, according to a report Thursday in The Wall Street Journal, rais-

ing investors' hope that the San Francisco company will be sold. The Journal cited people it did not identify who are familiar with the matter and cautioned that Yelp Inc. still might not pursue a sale.

Yelp declined to comment under its policy against responding to rumor or speculation.

The prospect of a sale emerged a week after Yelp disappointed investors with

a first-quarter report and a revenue forecast that lagged analysts' estimates. The letdown triggered a sell-off that hammered Yelp's already slumping stock, which lost more than half its value in eight months.

Yelp's stock bounced back Thursday, surging \$8.79, or 23 percent, to close at \$47.01. Despite the rally, the shares still remain below where they stood before

last week's first-quarter dud and well off their 52-week high of \$86.88 reached in September.

If Yelp auctions itself off, the sales price would probably exceed \$3 billion.

Yelp could be an attractive takeover candidate because its review service is a popular destination among consumers looking for restaurant recommendations and suggestions about other neighborhood mer-

chants. Like most free online services, Yelp depends on advertising to make most of its money. Although its revenue has grown steadily, Yelp isn't keeping up with formidable rivals such as Google and Facebook, which have been expanding their efforts to sell digital ads to small businesses.

Before Yelp went public in 2012, Google tried to buy the company for about \$500 million. □

Race, Class and Neglect



PAUL KRUGMAN
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Every time you're tempted to say that America is moving forward on race - that prejudice is no longer as important as it used to be - along comes an atrocity to puncture your complacency. Almost everyone realizes, I hope, that the Freddie Gray affair wasn't an isolated incident, that it's unique only to the extent that for once there seems to be a real possibility that justice may be done.

And the riots in Baltimore, destructive as they are, have served at least one useful purpose: drawing attention to the grotesque inequalities that poison the lives of too many Americans.

Yet I do worry that the centrality of race and racism to this particular story may convey the false impression that debilitating poverty and alienation from society are uniquely black experiences. In fact, much though by no means all of the horror one sees in Baltimore and many other places is really about class, about the devastating effects of extreme and rising inequality.

Take, for example, issues of health and mortality. Many people have pointed out that there are a number of black neighborhoods in Baltimore where life expectancy compares unfavorably with impoverished Third World nations. But what's really striking on a national basis is the way class disparities in death rates have been soaring even among whites.

Most notably, mortality among white women has increased sharply since the 1990s, with the rise surely concentrated among the poor and poorly educated; life expectancy among less educated whites has been falling at rates reminiscent of the collapse of life expectancy in post-Communist Russia.

And yes, these excess deaths are the result of inequality and lack of opportunity, even in those cases where their direct cause lies in self-destructive behavior. Overuse of prescription drugs, smoking, and obesity account for a lot of early deaths, but there's a reason such behaviors are so widespread, and that reason has to do with an economy that leaves tens of millions behind.

It has been disheartening to see some commentators still writing as if poverty were simply a matter of values, as if the poor just mysteriously make bad choices

and all would be well if they adopted middle-class values. Maybe, just maybe, that was a sustainable argument four decades ago, but at this point it should be obvious that middle-class values only flourish in an economy that offers middle-class jobs.

The great sociologist William Julius Wilson argued long ago that widely decried social changes among blacks, like the decline of traditional families, were actually caused by the disappearance of well-paying jobs in inner cities. His argument contained an implicit prediction: If other racial groups were to face a similar loss of job opportunity, their behavior would change in similar ways.

And so it has proved. Lagging wages - actually declining in real terms for half of working men - and work instability have been followed by sharp declines in marriage, rising births out of wedlock, and more.

As Isabel Sawhill of the Brookings Institution writes: "Blacks have faced, and will continue to face, unique challenges. But when we look for the reasons why less skilled blacks are failing to marry and join the middle class, it is largely for the same reasons that marriage and a middle-class lifestyle is eluding a growing number of whites as well."

So it is, as I said, disheartening still to see commentators suggesting that the poor are causing their own poverty, and could easily escape if only they acted like members of the upper middle class.

And it's also disheartening to see commentators still purveying another debunked myth, that we've spent vast sums fighting poverty to no avail (because of values, you see.) In reality, federal spending on means-tested programs other than Medicaid has fluctuated between 1 and 2 percent of GDP for decades, going up in recessions and down in recoveries. That's not a lot of money - it's far less than other advanced countries spend - and not all of it goes to families below the poverty line.

Despite this, measures that correct well-known flaws in the statistics show that we have made some real progress against poverty. And we would make a lot more progress if we were even a fraction as generous toward the needy as we imagine ourselves to be.

The point is that there is no excuse for fatalism as we contemplate the evils of poverty in America. Shrugging your shoulders as you attribute it all to values is an act of malign neglect. The poor don't need lectures on morality, they need more resources - which we can afford to provide - and better economic opportunities, which we can also afford to provide through everything from training and subsidies to higher minimum wages. Baltimore, and America, don't have to be as unjust as they are. □



Our Police Union Problem



ROSS DOUTHAT
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For decades now, conservatives have pressed the case that public sector unions do not serve the common good.

The argument is philosophical and practical at once. First, the state monopoly on certain vital services makes even work slowdowns unacceptable and the ability to fire poor-performing personnel essential, and a unionized workforce creates problems on both fronts.

Second, the government's money is not its own, so negotiations between politicians and their employees (who are also often their political supporters) amount to a division of spoils rather than a sharing of profits. Third, these negotiations inevitably drive up the cost of public services, benefiting middle-class bureaucrats at the expense of the poor, and saddling governments with long-term fiscal burdens that the terms of union contracts make it extremely difficult to lift.

Finally, union lobbying power can bias public-policy decisions toward the interests of state employees. To take just one particularly perverse example: In California over the last few decades, the correctional officers union first lobbied for a prison-building spree and then, well-entrenched, exercised veto power over criminal justice reform.

These points add up to a strong argument that the rise of public sector unions represents a decadent phase in the history of the welfare state, a case study in the warping influence of self-dealing and interest-group politics.

But as we've been reminded by the agony of Baltimore, this argument also applies to a unionized public workforce that conservatives are often loath to criticize: the police.

Police unions do have critics on the right. But thanks to a mix of cultural affinity, conservative support for law-and-order policies and police union support for Republican politicians, there hasn't been a strong right-of-center constituency for taking on their privileges. Instead, many Republican governors have deliberately exempted police unions from collective-bargaining reforms - and one who didn't, John Kasich of Ohio, saw those reforms defeated.

In an irony typical of politics, then, the right's intellectual critique of public-sector unions is illustrated by the ease with which police unions have bridled and ridden actual right-wing politicians. Which in turn has left those unions in a politically enviable position, insulated from any real pressure to reform.

Yet reform is what they need. There are many similarities between police officers and teachers: Both belong to professions filled with heroic and dedicated public servants, and both enjoy deep reservoirs of public sympathy as a result. But in both professions, unions have consistently exploited that sympathy to protect failed policies and incompetent personnel.

With this important difference, however: Even with the worst teacher, the effects are diffused across many years and many kids, and it's hard for just one teacher to do that much damage to any given student. A bad cop, on the other hand, can leave his victim dead or permanently damaged, and under the right circumstances one cop's bad call - or a group of cops' habitual thuggishness - can be the spark that leaves a city like Baltimore in flames.

Last December, my colleague David Brooks noted that police unions are resisting change on

every issue where police reform might be contemplated, from body cameras for officers to reversing the militarization of local law enforcement. But after the untimely death of Freddie Gray, no issue looms larger than the need to discipline, suspend and fire police officers who don't belong on the streets - and the obstacles their unions put up to that all-too-necessary process.

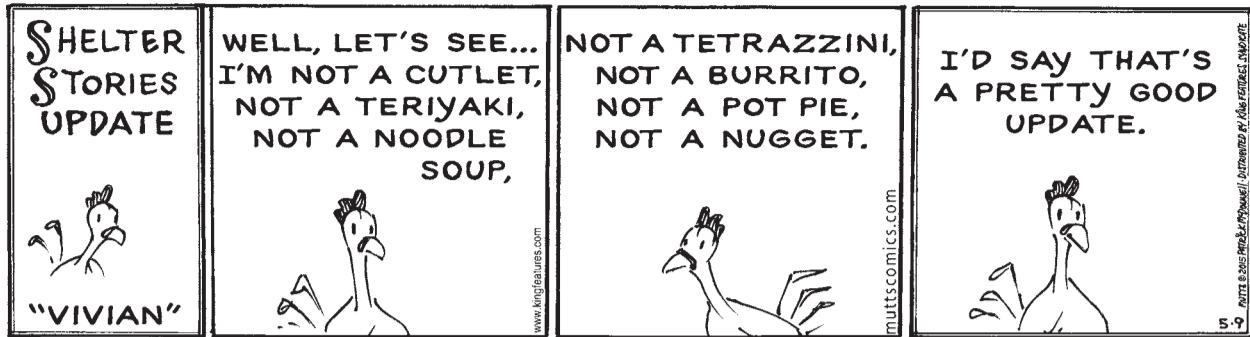
The cases from all over the country where unions and arbitration boards have reinstated abusive cops make for an extraordinary and depressing litany. Baltimore is no exception. Last fall, The Baltimore Sun reported on the police commissioner's struggle to negotiate enough authority to quickly remove and punish his own cops, and the union's resistance to swift action and real oversight persists.

What we know so far about the officer who first pursued Gray (his history of mental health issues, in particular) suggests that he might have benefited from being eased into a different line of work. This issue is particularly pressing if you believe that some of the aggressive police tactics criticized in the wake of Gray's death, and Eric Garner's in Staten Island, New York - the stress on quality-of-life and "broken windows" policing, the focus on misdemeanors and disorderly conduct - have played a significant role in America's declining crime rate and our much-safer cities.

Some liberals have decided these tactics haven't made a difference, or that they aren't needed anymore. I think this view is naive, and dangerously so. But to sustain this kind of police work, it's necessary to restrain the excesses associated with it; to restrain those excesses, it's necessary to hold cops accountable. And that can only happen if we reckon with the ways in which police unions, no less than other interest groups, can align against the public that their members vow to serve. □

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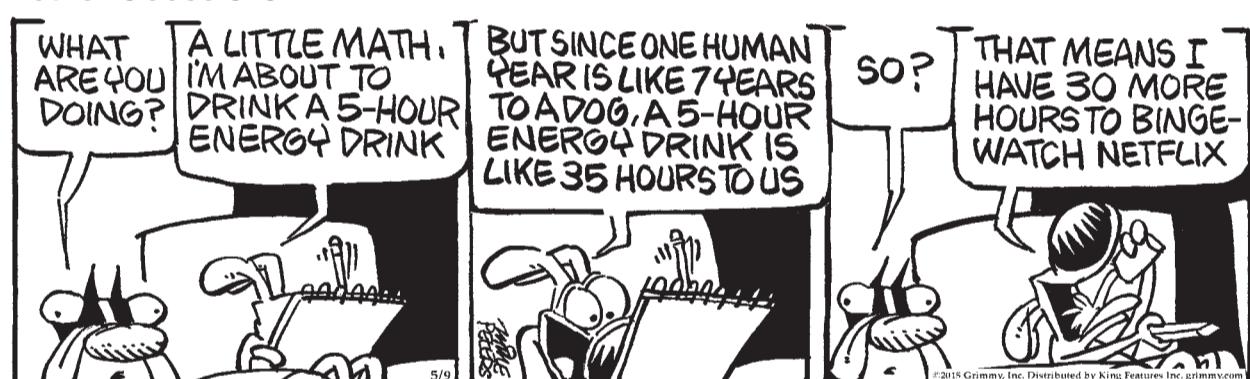
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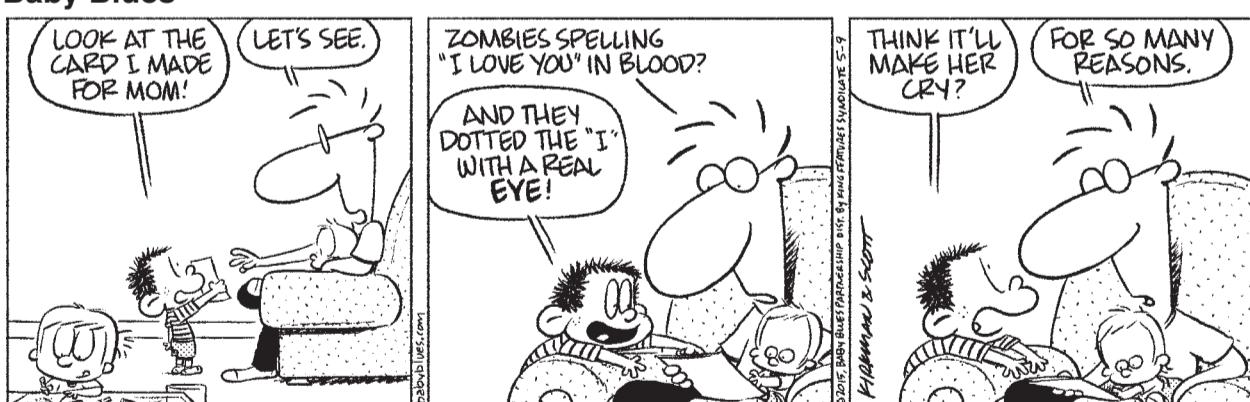
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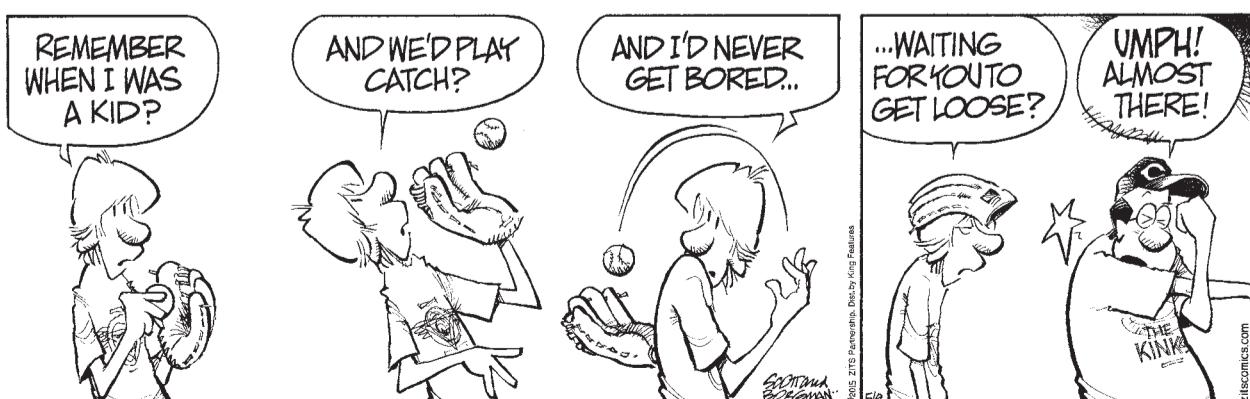
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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37	Heavyweight champ
38	Disease
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41	Population count
43	Noah's boat
44	Long journey
45	Allan Poe
46	Knight's title
47	Army chaplain
48	Was bold
50	Wheel center
51	Actor Charles
54	Lorne Greene TV series
58	Lasso
59	Large parrot
61	Dirt
62	Tavern orders
63	__ costs; no matter what
64	Popular pets
65	Cravings
66	Intellects
67	Cleveland, __
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2	Refer to
3	Up in __; upset & ready to fight

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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39	Go wrong	51	Hee-haw
42	Depression	52	Actor's part
44	Hot sauce	53	Frank; candid
46	Upper House of Congress	54	Hairless
47	Play on words	55	Dictionary man
49	Resident of Italy's capital	—	Webster
50	Long wolf cries	56	Tubular pasta
		57	To boot
		60	Taurus or Prius

Tirade

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Peter Bouckaert, a director at Human Rights Watch, said the prosecution had surprised him and was a source of concern.

"This case represents a clash between the liberal outlook of Dutch society and an antiquated law that I am sure the king doesn't think is necessary to protect his stature in Dutch society," he said. "Profane behavior should not be criminalized. Black-face marches are seen as racist by many people of color, and that must be addressed. But freedom of speech needs to be protected."

The mayor of Amsterdam, Eberhard van der Laan, who burst into laughter when he learned of the prosecution, said he did not believe that al-Jaberi's words warranted prosecution, let alone prison, according to Het Parool, an Amsterdam-based newspaper.

Although he was skeptical of al-Jaberi's contention that he had suffered intensely from the arrest, he also suggested that the king might not approve of the prosecution.

"I know the king a bit, and I think he sees this more democratically than what the law suggests," he was quoted as saying by Het Parool.

The case has revived a debate about Black Pete, a polarizing character. In July 2013, an Amsterdam district court agreed with findings by a U.N. advisory committee that Black Pete's appearance was offensive, but the decision was overruled by a superior court in The Hague.

Addressing concerns over Black Pete, van der Laan suggested last year that Black Pete could gradually become Sooty Pete, and would change in appearance over the coming years to make him eventually look more like someone who had braved a chimney rather than an outmoded stereotype of an African.□

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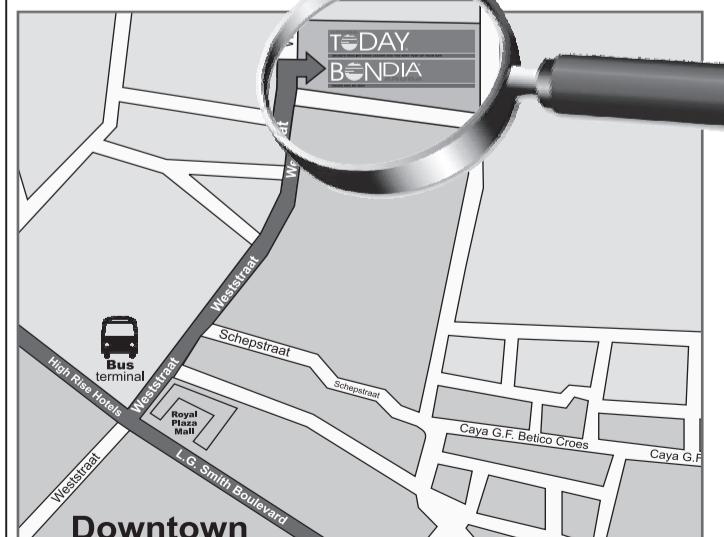
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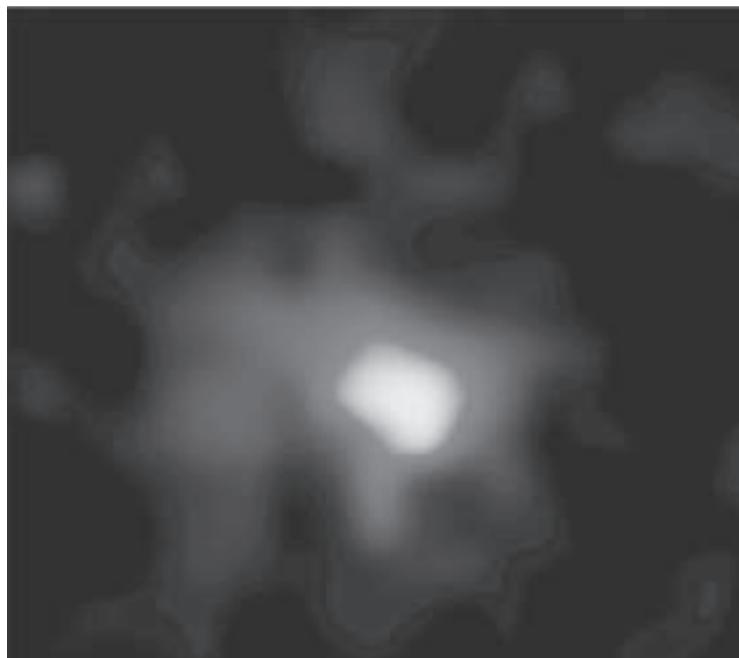
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Astronomers find farthest galaxy: 13.1 billion light-years



This handout photo provided by NASA and the European Space Agency, taken in 2013 with NASA's Hubble space telescope, shows a galaxy from the farthest distance recorded: 13.1 billion light-years

Associated Press

SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Astronomers have discovered a baby blue galaxy that is farther away in distance and time than any galaxy ever seen. It's among the universe's first generation of galaxies, from 13.1 billion years ago. Yale and University of California Santa Cruz scientists used three different telescopes to spot and then calculate the age of the blurry infant galaxy. By measuring how the light has shifted, they determined the galaxy, called EGS-zs8-1, is from about 670 million years after the Big Bang.

Because when astronomers look farther away from Earth, they are looking back further in time, this is both the most distant galaxy and the furthest back

in time. It's 13.1 billion light-years away, in the constellation Bootes. A light-year is 5.8 trillion miles (9.3 trillion kilometers).

This beats the old record by about 30 million years, which isn't much, but was difficult to achieve, said astronomer Garth Illingworth of the University of California Santa Cruz, who co-authored the paper in *Astrophysical Journal Letters* announcing the discovery. The photo they took was from a crucial time in the early universe, after what was called the Dark Ages, when galaxies and stars were just starting to form and the universe was only one five hundredth the mass it is now, Illingworth said.

This galaxy — larger than most of the others from that time, which is why astrono-

mers using the most powerful telescopes can see it now — was probably only about 100 million years old, but it was quite busy, Illingworth said.

"We're looking here at an infant that's growing at a great rate," he said. The galaxy was giving birth to stars at 80 times the rate our Milky Way does now. "These objects would like nothing like our sun. It would look much, much bluer."

Yale astronomer Pascal Oesch was looking through Hubble Space Telescope images in 2013 when he saw a bright object. He then used the Spitzer space telescope to see it again. The hardest work was confirming the age and distance using the ground-based Keck Observatory in Hawaii to separate light waves.□

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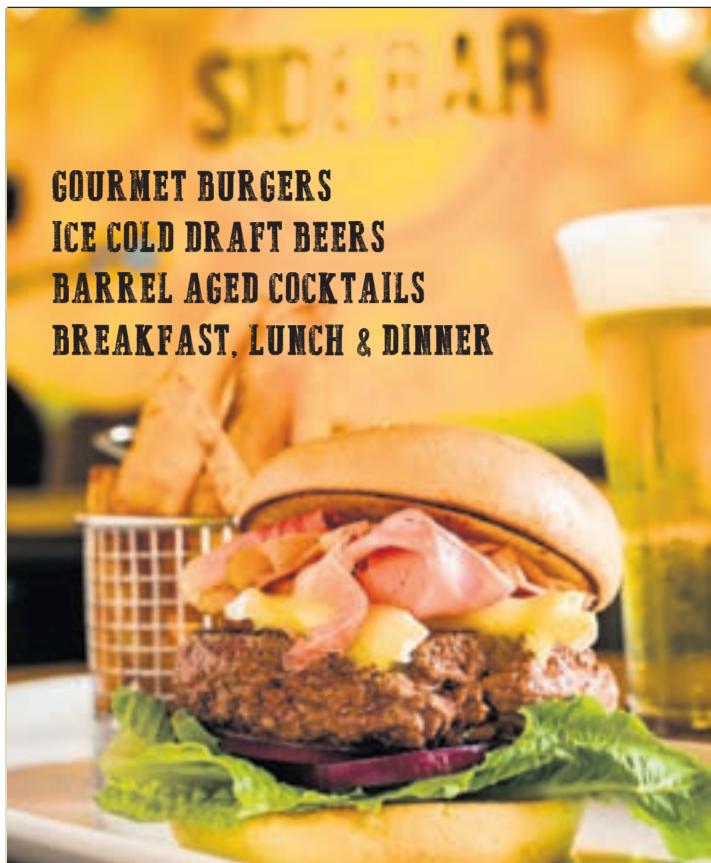
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Judge says Lohan in jeopardy if she fails court obligation

BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lindsay Lohan has only completed a tiny fraction of her remaining community service while on probation for a reckless driving case and will face "consequences" if she doesn't finish later this month, a Los Angeles judge warned Thursday.

Judge Mark Young said he was concerned Lohan had managed to work fewer than 10 hours of 125 hours of service she was ordered to complete over three years.

"If not done by May 28, there will be consequences," Young said.

Lohan, 28, is on probation for reckless driving and lying to police after crashing her Porsche on Pacific Coast Highway in Santa Monica on her way to a film shoot in 2012.

The actress wasn't in Los Angeles County Superior Court for her probation

hearing, but she would be expected to show up later if she blows the deadline and prosecutors ask that she be found in violation of probation. If that happens, they plan to ask for jail time. Santa Monica Deputy City Attorney Melanie Skehar was skeptical Lohan could accomplish the steep task ahead of her in the next three weeks.

"Is it possible? It's possible. Is it probable? No," Skehar said outside court. "When you have a responsibility and you know what you have to complete by a certain date, there's no excuse."

The once-promising star of "Mean Girls," whose career has sputtered and been overshadowed by legal troubles, could face up to a year and a half behind bars.

The actress ran into trouble earlier this year when her attorney presented proof she completed 240 hours

of community service with a charity in London, where she now lives.

After the prosecutor criticized Lohan for receiving credit for meeting fans of a stage production of "Speed-the-Plow," which she appeared in, Young rejected 125 hours and ordered her to complete them later this month.

Defense lawyer Shawn Holley said it's not feasible for Lohan to make that deadline if she continues working with a charity that helps neglected children and disabled adults in London.

To complete the 115 remaining hours of service, Lohan will pack her bags and move to New York to work with children in Brooklyn, Holley said.

Lohan wasn't able to complete the service in London because she lives 90 minutes from where she was required to work, Holley said. With private transportation costing \$76 an hour and



In this Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014 file photo, U.S. actress Lindsay Lohan performs a scene from the play, "Speed the Plow," during a photocall at the Playhouse Theatre in central London.

Associated Press

Lohan out of work, that proved difficult.

Lohan had suggested her lawyer ask the court to consider three hours of commute time as community service, but Holley said she knew it was a "nonstarter," so she didn't bother to ask. The case is the final criminal matter Lohan faces in Los Angeles, where she was first arrested in a driving un-

der the influence and drug possession case in 2007 and later charged with stealing a necklace from a Venice jewelry store.

She has struggled to comply with terms of her sentences. She has been sentenced to jail five times, ordered to work in the Los Angeles morgue and sent to court-mandated rehab several times. □

Paul Shaffer ready to disband the CBS Orchestra

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Hidden in the attention being paid to David Letterman leading to his May 20 retirement is the knowledge that it will also mean the end of a regular television role for America's bandleader, Paul Shaffer.

The gravel-voiced side-kick, who's 65, isn't ready to leave show business even with the gig of a lifetime coming to a close after 33 years. "Of course, I had the old mixed feelings, sadness, etcetera," Shaffer said during an interview in his office behind the Ed Sullivan Theater. "Now I have come around to just being absolutely thankful for such a wonderful run, such a long run, working for a guy who has been nothing but encouraging to me."

Shaffer is a walking trivia answer of show biz credits: bandleader for the original "Saturday Night Live" troupe, same role for the Blues Brothers, part composer of the 1980s hit "It's Raining Men" and the "Late Show" theme, cringe-worthy record executive Artie Fufkin in "This is Spinal Tap" and music director for the annual Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductions. If he hadn't neglected to return Jerry Seinfeld's call, you may have known him as George Costanza, too.

He'll always be linked in public consciousness with Letterman, however, like Ed McMahon and Johnny Carson, or Andy Richter and Conan O'Brien.

Until Shaffer interviewed for the bandleader job that began in 1982, he had never met Letterman. Shaffer was asked what he saw for Letterman's post-midnight "Late Night" on NBC, keeping in mind they could only afford a few musicians. He envisioned something like the lounge bands he saw at the beginning of his career in Toronto, a lead keyboard player and a couple of other instruments, interpreting Stax and Motown hits.

Letterman said that sounded great, that he'd always thought of himself as the

Wayne Cochran of comedy. Shaffer cracked up at the reference to an obscure 1960s soul singer who looked a little like Jay Leno with an oversized, platinum blond pompadour. The time slot after Carson "sounded like the hippest opportunity, like in Las Vegas when a performer would do a late late show for the other performers or cab drivers on the strip. That's how I related to it. It was all perfect for me." Starting at a time when his five years at one job, on "Saturday Night Live," seemed like an eternity, Shaffer said he never felt tempted to leave Letterman. He's had the freedom to do other things while the "Late Show" let him lead a band — perform in front of an audience, do sketch

comedy and match wits with TV's hottest host. That's not to say it was always easy. "I spent time preparing funny, off-the-wall lines, something Jerry Lewis had said, for example," he said. "I was doing quite well with it, I thought. (Letterman) said, 'I would rather we just have a conversation and try to talk.' Well, that was daunting to me, but I did. That's when I began to see what he really needed from me." Through the years, Shaffer has become like a security blanket to Letterman. As anyone who's been in his frigid studio knows, he's a host who likes things Just So. Shaffer will interject quick remarks — "Instagram that right away," he said after his boss took a selfie Tuesday night — or lead the band into a snip-

pet of "Tequila" for a Top Ten list about Cinco de Mayo parties. Sometimes it's as simple as breaking the silence, an "ahh" or slight cackle.

Letterman has a habit of calling a pre-show meeting just when there's too little time to seriously discuss things. And after his heart bypass surgery a decade ago, Letterman stopped rehearsing regularly.

"The show got way more fun at that point, way more spontaneous," Shaffer said. The bandleader worked with plenty of heroes: James Brown asked to come on after he heard Shaffer's band playing some of his music on the show. This added another, delicate task to his duties: it was Shaffer's job to sometimes tell performers they'd



In this Oct. 14, 2014 file photo, bandleader Paul Shaffer attends the premiere of HBO's "Foo Fighters Sonic Highway" in New York. Shaffer, 65, has been the gravel-voiced side-kick of David Letterman since 1982.

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have to cut a portion of their song because of television time constraints. □

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